

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3

A **meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday March 22, 2010**, at **6:10 p.m.**, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

PRESENT: Chairman Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1; Committee Member Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; Committee Member Jack H. Schurlknight, Council District No. 6; Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; Committee Member Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8; County Supervisor Daniel W. Davis, ex officio; Ms. Nicole Scot Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Call called the meeting to order. Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., gave the Invocation, and Committee Member Jack Schurlknight led in the **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman Call asked for approval of the minutes from a subcommittee meeting of Public Works and Purchasing held January 21, 2010, and a regular meeting of Public Works and Purchasing held February 8, 2010.

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Ms. Leonitta Turner, Human Resources Director, Presentation, Re: Berkeley County Government Medical Service Provider.

Ms. Turner: Good evening County Council and citizens of Berkeley County. In front of you, you have information of a Staff Summary regarding our Medical Service Provider. Last year I was asked to come each year to provide you an update regarding our Medical Service Provider because we signed a contract for 5 years but it has to be reviewed and renewed annually. You can see in the contract [sic] we've provided information related to the work from Industrial Medical Center and Industrial Medical Center has continued to perform in a manner that we think is feasible – you can even see the per unit cost that they quoted to us when we accepted the contract and they have also been holding to the finances in the contract and therefore I would recommend that we renew their contract this year.

Chairman Call: What's the committee's pleasure? This is not a ... is there an extra cost in this over what it was last year?

Ms. Turner: There are no additional costs.

Chairman Call: No additional costs.

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Fish to renew the contract of Industrial Medical Center for the fiscal year 2010-2011. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

B. Consideration of a Resolution designating Surplus Property of Berkeley County Water and Sanitation and authorizing the sale of Surplus Property.

It was moved by Committee Member Callanan and seconded by Committee Member Fish to approve the Resolution designating Surplus Property of Berkeley County Water and Sanitation and authorizing the sale of Surplus Property. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

C. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$337,765.00 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program for the purpose of installing energy efficiency improvements in Berkeley County Facilities.

Mr. Taschner: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to give Council a quick summary of this Energy Grant. In July of 2009, the County - with Council's permission - applied for this Energy Grant. Last month we received the award notice in the amount that the Chairman just mentioned. There are no matching funds required. I'd like to share with Council our energy measures that we can - that this money will support. Energy measure #1 is a lighting upgrade replacing T12 lamps and ballasts with more efficient T8 lamps and ballasts. Energy measures #2, #3 and #4 are heating and air conditioning upgrades. Those upgrades, with approval, will take place at the Goose Creek Library, the Maude Callen Building and the Moncks Corner Health Department. One of the things I wanted to share with Council is I developed a Waste Management Plan which is a requirement of the grant. In that Waste Management Plan we would recycle all metals from energy measures #2, #3 and #4 which are the heating and air conditioning. Energy measure #1 - which is the lighting upgrade - we would attempt to sell those reusable lamps and ballasts on govdeals.com. If they do not sell on govdeals.com we would like to donate those lamps and ballasts to Habitat for Humanity Berkeley County.

Chairman Call: Any questions for Mr. Taschner?

Committee Member Steve Davis: Yes sir. Is the source of this money come from the same money we had the discussion about - the stimulus money?

Mr. Taschner: That is the stimulus money. That's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds.

Committee Member Steve Davis: Is this gonna increase the efficiency of – and help save the County money?

Mr. Taschner: Yes, sir.

Committee Member Steve Davis: If this money wasn't available that money would actually come from what source? Taxpayers?

Mr. Taschner: If we weren't able to address these projects with this funding we would be forced to budget for them.

Committee Member Steve Davis: Okay. Thank you very much.

Committee Member Callanan: Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Call: Mr. Callanan.

Committee Member Callanan: Did – because of this grant are we hiring any new employees?

Mr. Taschner: No, sir.

Committee Member Callanan: And – just – if you've looked at the efficiency improvements, what's the likelihood of ever recovering the amount that was granted to us in energy efficiency savings. It would take probably a long time, right?

Mr. Taschner: Well, the requirement was less than 8 years. Your return on investment

Committee Member Callanan: So it has a return investment of less than 8 years?

Mr. Taschner: Yes, sir.

Committee Member Callanan: Yes, sir.

Mr. Taschner: That was part of the grant requirement. I believe our overall project came in at 4.43 or something like that.

Committee Member Callanan: Okay. Thank you.

Chairman Call: Any other questions for Mr. Taschner? What's the committee's pleasure?

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Steve Davis to approve the **Resolution** authorizing **acceptance of a grant** in the amount of **\$337,765.00 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program** for the purpose of installing energy efficiency improvements in Berkeley County Facilities. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Mr. Taschner: Thank you, Council.

Chairman Call: Thank you, David.

D. Chief C. W. Henerey, Berkeley County Sheriff's Dept., Re: Sole source purchase of four (4) Taser 26012 with all attachments for Detention Center.

Chairman Call: You don't look like Butch Henerey.

Sheriff DeWitt: That's okay. I'm a fill in for Chief Henerey tonight. And actually, if it's okay with Council, I noticed that it's only listed on the agenda for 1 item of sole source purchase, but actually we have 3, and I understand that you may have to waive that since it's not on the agenda to address all 3 tonight.

Chairman Call: Let's see what our attorneys say. Can we put those on?

Ms. Ewing: [inaudible]

Chairman Call: No objection from the committee?

Ms. Austin: Mr. Sheriff, Chief Henerey and I discussed this and they will see later in the agenda the items are listed separately. The way it was presented, I misunderstood.

Sheriff DeWitt: Okay. That's fine. I just wanted to make sure we were clear.

Chairman Call: Gotta be legal, right Sheriff? [laughter]

Sheriff DeWitt: No objections, so we'll continue. The first would be – and the first 2 items are paid for by a grant, but even though it's paid for by a grant we understand that we have to go by procurement policies and procedures within Berkeley County. Purchasing agent John Hamer has reviewed all 3 is my understanding, but the first items are Tasers that we want to purchase for the Detention Center and the only Tasers available in South Carolina are offered by Lawmen's Safety out of Columbia and the price is controlled by the manufacturer and it will be paid for by the grant in the amount of \$6,846.01. The second item would be a Digital ...

Chairman Call: I think they want to do them one at a time.

Ms. Ewing: [inaudible]

Sheriff DeWitt: Okay. I jumped the gun.

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Fish to approve the Sole source purchase of four (4) Taser 26012 with all attachments for Detention Center from Lawmen's Safety, Columbia, South Carolina in the amount of \$6,846.01. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Call: Go ahead, Sheriff.

Sheriff DeWitt: Thank you. Next would be a Digital Repeater Boomerang and this particular boomerang would not be synonymous with the country of Australia [laughter]. Unlike present technology that we have now which basically requires in-sight in the line of sight when using a hidden camera or microphone, we now have technology available that would allow us to put this particular device up with our 800 communications system our 911 communications and basically could monitor a surveillance type situation or controlled drug buy if you will by sitting in my office and listening to the 800 radio system - it's able to tap into that so quite candidly that's only offered by DTC Products. That would be funded by a grant in the amount of \$10,291.32.

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to approve the Sole source purchase of one (1) P25 Boomerang II Digital Repeater 800 MHz with Diasonic Recorder from DTC Products in the amount of \$10,291.32. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Sheriff DeWitt: And lastly would be, the vendor would be DataWorks and this - some time ago the Photo Lab and our Forensic Department was destroyed by lightning and basically was outdated at that point in time so we want to purchase this software that will convert our process to digital and integrate it with the data works that we have now at the Detention Center with regards to photographs and fingerprints and that is paid by the insurance company in the amount of \$18,360.00.

It was moved by Committee Member Steve Davis and seconded by Committee Member Farley to approve the Sole source purchase of Digital CrimeScene software DataWorks Plus in the amount of \$18,360.00. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Call: It's always nice when somebody else is payin', isn't it Sheriff?

Sheriff DeWitt: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

E. Mr. John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re:

1. Best Value Bid for Dozer: BC Roads and Bridges Department.
2. Best Value Bid for Motor Grader: BC Roads and Bridges Department.

Mr. Hamer: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We put the bid package out like we agreed upon in our subcommittee and voted on Council last month using the 6 criteria and the weightings on the 6 criteria. On the dozer we had 2 respondents from Blanchard Machinery and from Linder. Based on those 6 criterias [sic] it is our recommendation that we make the Best Value Bid Award for the Dozer to Blanchard Machinery Company at the cost of \$90,390.00.

Chairman Call: Repeat that figure again John.

Mr. Hamer: \$90,390.00.

Committee Member Fish: John, this – the money to purchase this – you got that money on hand today or are you looking forward to revenue in the future?

Mr. Hamer: This is part of the Capital Improvement Fund for this year.

Committee Member Fish: I didn't ask that question. Is the money in the fund today to pay for it or is that gonna be for next year?

[inaudible]

Mr. Hamer: [inaudible] today.

Committee Member Fish: So it's already in the fund, the funds are available today? Okay.

Ms. Kace Smith: Yes, sir they are. These bids were included in the budget for 2009-2010.

Chairman Call: Any further discussion? Hearing none, call for the vote.

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Steve Davis award the Best Value Bid for a Dozer: BC Roads and Bridges Department to Blanchard Machinery Company at a cost of \$90,390.00. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Call: Next is a Best Value Bid for a Motor Grader for Roads and Bridges. Mr. Hamer.

Mr. Hamer: We used the same Best Value Bid Package on this and used the same criterias [sic]. We had 2 respondents, again, the same 2. It is my recommendation to award it to Blanchard Machinery for the cost of \$203,952.00.

Committee Member Callanan: Same question applies: In this year's budget?

Ms. Kace Smith: Yes, sir.

Committee Member Callanan: Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Kace Smith: The 2009-2010 budget.

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Steve Davis award the Best Value Bid for a Motor Grader: BC Roads and Bridges Department to Blanchard Machinery Company at a cost of \$203,952.00. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Mr. Hamer: Thank you.

It was moved by Committee Member Schurlknight and seconded by Committee Member Callanan to **adjourn** the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 6:26 pm.

April 12, 2010
Date Approved